

## 2007 LEIDEN INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Dear students,

Jean d'Aspremont and I, in our capacities as Academic Coordinators of the Regular and Advanced LLM Programs in Public international law respectively, we would like to inform you of the following.

As you may have heard, the LLM Programs of Leiden University operate an "Internship Program". The purpose of the Internship Program is the selection of a small number of students who will receive the exclusive institutional endorsement of the LLM Programs and their Staff with regard to applications to the internship programs of specific international organizations and tribunals in The Hague. In other words, the two LLM Programs and their Staff **will not support any other internship application by any LLM student other than the ones selected** by the Internship Program.

Program and Staff, however, may support applications to institutions **other** than the ones mentioned below.

The institutions for which the Leiden Internship Program selects students are the following:

- Permanent Court of Arbitration
- Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons
- Appeals Chamber of the International Criminal Tribunal for former Yugoslavia and the Appeals Chamber of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda
- the Association of Defense Counsel practicing before the International Criminal Tribunal for former Yugoslavia
- Office of the Prosecutor ICTY
- International Criminal Court

The following points are of relevance for a student to know before applying for the Internship Program:

- exclusive (institutional) nomination by the Leiden LLM Programs does not guarantee admission by the institution in question. Although past experience demonstrates that Leiden candidates are invariably admitted to internship programs, receiving institutions always retain (and may exercise) the right to screen and refuse candidates;
- most internship programs are unsalaried. Students will have to bear their own expenses;

- the LLM Program reference letter will be sent separately to the internship coordinators of the respective institutions. A sealed copy of this letter will also be given to the students so that they can include in their applications;
- Students will have to apply to institutions following the usual process as explained in the web-pages of each institution;
- Staff members of Leiden University will **NOT** provide letters of reference to internship programs of the institutions in question to students not selected by this process.

The following minimum requirements need to apply for one to apply to the Leiden LLM Internship Program

- Being enrolled in the **LLM reg.** in International Law or the **LLM adv.** in International Law at Leiden University;
- Holding a Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Law (or equivalent Law degree);
- Having strong academic credentials;
- Having demonstrated good research, analytical and drafting skills;
- Being able to demonstrate special interest in the area of law relevant to the institution in question.
- **A minimum average grade of 7.0 in the Fall Trimester.**

Interested candidates should send their CV, together with a letter of motivation, to Jean d'Aspremont ([j.daspremont@law.leidenuniv.nl](mailto:j.daspremont@law.leidenuniv.nl)) and Thomas Skouteris ([t.skouteris@law.leidenuniv.nl](mailto:t.skouteris@law.leidenuniv.nl)) before the **15 February**. Pre-selected candidates will be interviewed in the following weeks.

Thomas Skouteris and Jean d'Aspremont